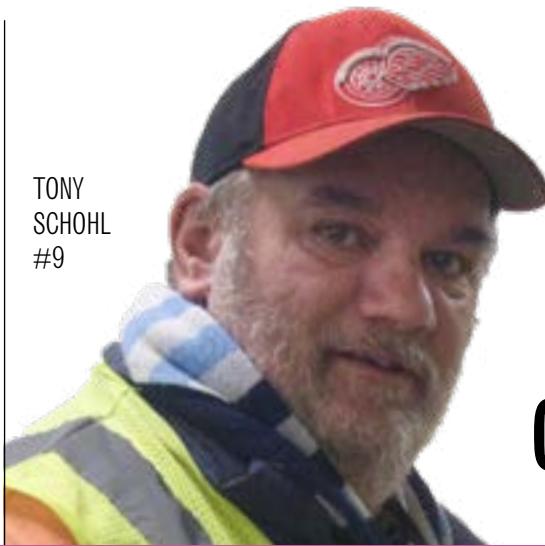


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# Why street newspapers?

Street newspapers are produced, purchased, and sold by the homeless and those facing poverty. These newspapers provide a source of income and a platform to interact and build relationships in the community.

Street newspapers mainly focus on topics concerning homelessness, poverty, local issues and events. Publications such as these provide communities with a unique perspective for readers on topics and issues of being unhoused and/or facing financial hardship.

Street newspapers are non-profits; the community itself can be involved through volunteering their time and services. Students from various colleges and universities also do their internships at these publications. The homeless and the community at large provide the community with a wide perspective for the reader's enjoyment. Like any other publication, street newspapers provide advertising opportunities for local businesses and organizations.

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MIKE JONES  
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- 3.2 million readers worldwide.
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- 5,730 vendors sell street papers at any one time
- 13.15 million street papers were

sold across the world in 2021

- 1,350 towns and cities had a street paper presence in 2021

I would like to talk about my experience as a street newspaper vendor and writer. There is an old saying, "Life is what you make it." This is true when working for a street paper. In the beginning, I was oblivious to the true meaning and purpose of a street newspaper, and the possibilities this occupation would lead me to.

Before becoming a full time vendor at Groundcover News, I was a cab driver for over ten years in Ann Arbor. Being a driver and selling newspapers are a lot alike; you communicate with the public daily. That is what I like most about these two jobs. It took me some time to find my voice as a street paper vendor. After jumping in the water and getting my feet wet, I finally got my pitch down pat. Once you learn how to vibe and communicate with the public, one should have no problem making money and new friends.

Just like any other job or occupation there are a lot of ups and downs. At times it can be like riding an emotional rollercoaster. Some days are great and others

not so great; the same with cab driving. When things are good I go home and reflect on the good day. When things don't go so well, I make my way home to meditate and write. Bad weather doesn't help the cause of street newspaper vendors; the best time to sell is when the sun is shining and the weather is nice, at least tolerable.

There are other financial opportunities within these publications structures through means of: writings, recordings, workshops, and through different public engagements. I find this very helpful in two ways: first, it helps make ends meet, and second allows vendors to explore their creative inner self. I like to write and street newspapers allow all voices to be heard; that's one of the many special things about these publications.

By becoming a street newspaper vendor and participant you won't get rich anytime soon, but you will find yourself engaged in a way with your fellow vendors and community that surpasses any purchase, monetary donation or gift. By becoming a street paper vendor, I landed on the greatest ship that ever sailed: friendship!

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Vendors purchase each copy of our regular editions of Groundcover News at our office for 50 cents. This money goes towards production costs. Vendors work selling the paper on the street for \$2, keeping all income and tips from each sale.

Street papers like Groundcover News exist in cities all over the United States, as well as in more than 40 other countries, in an effort to raise awareness of the plight of homeless people and combat the increase in poverty. Our paper is a proud member of the International Network of Street Papers.

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— Derek Allen, #177

**Go to sleep.**  
— Roberto Isla Caballero, #347

**Stay inside and take a cool shower.**  
— Hosea Hill, #532

**Suck on a popsicle.**  
— Wayne Sparks, #615

**I rest in the shade and drink water.**  
— Ken Parks, #490

**Go to a sink, turn the cold water on, run it over the inside of your wrists. Do that for 15 minutes and your body temperature will drop. Another option is to hold ice packs on the inside of your thighs.**  
— Cindy Gere, #279

**Chew ice cubes and drink hot coffee.**  
— Jim Clark, #139

**Go jump in the pool!**  
— Mike Jones, #113

**Wear my sun hat.**  
— Julianano Sanchez, #174

**Get in the shade!**  
— Mary Vanover, #636

**Stay in the A/C.**  
— Mark Gigax, #620

**Go to the Huron River, the pool, Lake Michigan — I need a vacation!**  
— Terri Demar, #322

**I keep a cool, wet towel around my neck and/or over my head.**  
— Joe Woods, #103

**Ice lemonade.**  
— Keith Wilson, #637

**The heat doesn't bother me.**  
— Teresa Basham, #570

# Michigan tennis update and Eastern Michigan baseball



HOSEA HILL  
Groundcover vendor No. 532

**Michigan Women's Tennis**  
May 11, Michigan versus Miami, Michigan was victorious 4-0.

**Player highlight:** Jaedan Brown and Kari Miller played women's doubles and they won 6-1.

May 17, Michigan versus Pepperdine, Michigan came up short and lost 1-4.

**Player highlight:** Kari Miller played well to start but fell off and lost both sets. On the other hand, Miller will be participating in the

NCAA Singles Championship! Let's wish her luck, go Kari Miller!

Listen to Head Coach Ronni Bernstein here: [mgoblue.com/podcasts/conquering-heroes-133-ronni-bernstein/1204](http://mgoblue.com/podcasts/conquering-heroes-133-ronni-bernstein/1204)

**Men's Eastern Mich. Baseball**  
May 10, I attended the EMU baseball game at Oestrike Stadium versus Bowling Green. Eastern won 10-9, Go Eagles!

I noticed something in the outfield, some sort of memorial. Later, I found that it was dedicated to former player Michael Sacha. Eastern will never forget him and they pay tribute to him with this image. He was a player in 2007-08 and after graduating, he was Kid Rock's personal assistant. He passed away in 2016 in Nashville, Tennessee due to an ATV accident. Let's give a moment of silence to Michael ...

Thank you, Groundcover readers, and have a good day!



EMU baseball field



Michael Sacha

# Lena's first birthday



TABITHA LUDWIG  
Groundcover vendor No. 360

My baby's first birthday is finally coming. I'm asking for everyone to please help my baby girl be able to have a birthday. I can accept donations at Groundcover's Venmo account — just put in the note: "Happy Birthday Lena #360." Also sending money to the CashApp \$flyhighsis is an option. Just put in the note: "Happy birthday Lena." I also have a wishlist on Amazon. My Amazon is Tabbyron99@gmail.com

I would love to be able to do a "Sweet One" strawberry theme for her birthday. However, anything you can donate would be greatly appreciated, either Venmo or Cash App to be able to get the cake and food or even just Amazon to get a gift sent to my house. I would greatly appreciate it.

Sincerely, Tabitha.

# La vida del submarino

When I was born, my mother gave me to my grandma. She took care of me. My grandma took me to see my father and my brothers. My father would not speak to me because of what my mother did.

The first time I was married I was 13. My wife was 12. My grandma wrote a letter to my mother and she came to the marriage. Everyone said we were too young, including the judge. Many people do not know my real name is Ramón Roberto Isla Caballero. The "Isla" represents the island of Cuba.

In the 1970s, the world did not



ROBERTO ISLA CABALLERO  
Groundcover vendor No. 360

know the true depths of the sea. I saw a submarine in Cuba for the first time; it was from the Soviet Union. It was like the Titanic.

*En Español: En los años 1970 el mundo no conocía la verdadera historia del mar. Un hombre de la edad en avanzada como primer ministro de un barco como el Titani dego a vordo un niño sin escuela y le poso solamente el nombre Ramón al conocer un significado de la Isla no supo que aker con la madre sin cariño al cual avandono. Las abuelas no supieron que hacer solamente callaron y al miran un padre no comprendieron que solante miro y callo.*



# U-M TAHRIR meets resistance to demands

Days that live in infamy: Oct. 7, 2023, the Islamic Resistance Movement attacks Israel, the Israel-Hamas war begins; May 15, 1948, the 1948 Arab-Israeli war, known as the war of Independence in Israel and The Catastrophe ('nakba' in Arabic) in Palestine, begins; June 5, 1967 the Six-day War between Israel and the Arab states surrounding it leaving Israel in control of the Gaza Strip, West Bank, Sinai Peninsula and Jeruslaem; Sept. 11, 2001, Al-Qaeda attacks America, starting the Global War on Terrorism.

"Maybe we shouldn't have gone to war after Sept 11," said Avi Tachna-Fram, a member of Jewish Voice for Peace, one of over 81 organizations that are part of the University of Michigan TAHRIR Coalition. TAHRIR, Arabic for liberation, was part of the U-M Gaza Solidarity Encampment on the Diag April 22-May 21 protesting the Israel-Hamas war. The acronym is Transparency, Accountability, Humanity, Reparations, Investment and Resistance.

"A lot of Jewish people in America have come to the understanding that war and genocide anywhere, ultimately, is a crime against people everywhere," said Tachna-Fram, a 2022 U-M Bachelor of Science honors graduate in math and computer science. Tachna-Fram is a media liaison for JVP and TAHRIR.

Palestinian and Israeli civilians want statehood and self-determination. Hamas leader Yahya Sinwar says his



JANE REILLY  
Groundcover vendor No. 611

sole mission is to destroy Israel. Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, who vehemently rejects Palestine statehood, wants to destroy Hamas, considered a terrorist group by the United States and Israel but not by the United Nations Security Council.

"Hamas protects us," said a group of men singing "From the River to the Sea," along S. University Ave. after May 21. Hamas gets its weapons from Iran, Russia, China, North Korea and Bulgaria. For America to be an ally, both Palestine and Israel need to choose separate democracies.

Egypt's border is controlled by Hamas and one Egyptian government-controlled company. All other borders in the vicinity are closed. The company charges a fee to enter. The current rate is \$5,000 per adult and \$2,500 per child, plus documentation, passports and visas. Egypt is taking about \$1.3 million

daily. It also controls humanitarian aid into Gaza. The United Kingdom, America and the United Nations are providing aid by land, air and the Mediterranean Sea.

"My family is not looking to 'escape,'" said Mariam Odeh, a fifth-year student at the U-M Ford School for Public Policy. Odeh's uncle, aunt, cousins and grandparents live in the West Bank. It is home. Odeh is also a TAHRIR spokesperson.

TAHRIR said it protested outside the University Board of Regents' homes, May 15, because the Regents refuse to listen to its demands and meet. The Coalition posts on social media that it is being harassed by the police.

TAHRIR posted a video of members peacefully protesting outside the U-M Museum of Art, May 3, while the state police peacefully rode bicycles. The next segment shows protesters with police bicycles. Then, the police handcuffed one protester, police pushed everyone else back with metal barriers, one protester pushed to the ground by the barrier and one police officer spraying chemicals on protesters. Volunteers at the Encampment said eight protesters were ticketed for trespassing.

More than 40 protesters from the U-M Students Allied for Freedom and Equality (SAFE) were cited for trespassing, Nov. 17, 2023, for being inside the Ruthven Administration Building



Poster on display in the Diag during the encampment.

after hours. Four are facing felony charges of allegedly assaulting or attempting to disarm the police.

The University police are a daily presence all year. The Encampment was cited for fire hazards May 17. U-M President Santa Ono ordered evacuation by police at 5 a.m. May 21 for non-compliance. The protesters said the "hazard" was "blocking the Diag."

The protesters' demand for the divestment from Israel of U-M's \$17.9 billion endowment has been turned down. The Regents say less than one tenth of

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# Then and now — reflections on Diag encampment

WAYNE S.  
Groundcover vendor No. 615

Life has a way to make you listen to lies, to believe those lies and act upon them. How, you say, is this possible? Well folks, the way I see it, as we forge forward we tend to be blinded by a faulty memory. I remember, or no, it happened like this, or he remembers it like that. So is it just that we remember things differently or is it much more?

I believe that it is much much more about where we met, how we met, what we were doing when we met. How could we get it so wrong?

I want so much out of others so I start believing things that are not true just to be with them.

Breaking down things that would not break, speaking about our leaders, their leaders and world opinion.

It was 2014 and I had a menial job at the local car wash. Every morning on my way to work I would stop and have

my coffee at our local gas station, one of the few places open at six in the morning, and have my morning coffee with Amir.

We would talk, and this developed into a true friendship and one morning Amir asked if I would come work for him at the station. I was immediately accepted and from that moment on I felt like a true member of the family.

His sister Malik made me feel like a family member which I so desperately needed at that point in my life. I remember being trusted and, yes, also loved. To be taken in made a profound impact on me. I watched my life begin to change — all because of my life with my new friends. Then came COVID which changed my life drastically but that's a different story.

That is just the background for my opinions today. Ann Arbor, the hub of liberalism, is the place where social change is in our DNA. And rising up in times of political upheaval is in our

very existence. I see it on the streets everyday.

But I also see other things as well. Our spirit is being crushed and manipulated by what I call the status quo, and I see a group of bad businessmen banding together and supporting it with vigor.

Because we all see it. Now what does this have to do with the student protests in a world that is getting turned upside down? The homeless and the poor could identify with these young people. These visitors to the camp might not know the issue very well but they know big hearts when they see them — and let me tell you, they saw plenty of them.

And knowing the people, they took time to try and know the issues.

I wandered into the camp and I was taken back in time to my foray into political activism on this very campus. The issues were different but the love and the fellowship was the same.

I saw townies gravitate towards this

place and the admiration I saw and heard was amazing. What I learned is that just like then (back in the day), love is the most powerful tool we have in our toolbox.

And it also gave the townies a chance to get the protestors' side of the story.

So the most I can take away from this experience is that I had a chance to meet people who were kind and loving and who would be an asset to any community. I for one am glad I had the opportunity to learn that love is the answer to a lot of the world's problems, and I found an abundance of it at camp at the University of Michigan with people who are heroes — not enemies.

I found the people at the encampment to be a ray of sunshine in a world of turmoil. What's going to happen next, I have no idea! I know with young people like this, the future is a little bit brighter.

# The war in Gaza comes to Ann Arbor

Understanding Zionism is the key to understanding the war on Palestine today. The call for a homeland for Jews has roots in the 19th century European anti-semitism with its many pogroms over the centuries. Targeted as the murderers of Christ and blamed for the bubonic plague and whatever problems of the time, Jews were especially at risk "beyond the Pale," the common phrase for beyond the ghetto.

Zionism was more popular with European elites than among European Jews. Zionist Israel was promoted as the solution to the Jewish problem in Europe and the WWII Holocaust was the excuse to implement the Balfour Declarations of support for a Jewish state in Palestine. The first Balfour declaration is of WWI vintage as the British led the way in the partitioning of the Ottoman Empire. The British left Palestine in 1948 and set up Zionist Israel to take their place. It is another settler colonial project. South Africa knows a lot about apartheid settler colonialism. Look at their presentation to the International Criminal Court to understand the current genocide. Israel and its allies, especially the United States, dispute the court's opinion. The United States does not want the court to look at its war crimes and is now putting sanctions on the court. The world is the final judge. Study Edward Said for a better understanding.

The context of every war is financial and ideological. The ideology of supremacism is part of the imperialist era as it superseded the colonial model of supremacism. Imperialism's financial sophistication organizes the cash flow to the ruling class which uses that wealth to buy political power, organize coup d'états, civil wars — anything to promote wealth supremacism.

It has been very lucrative. The great gap of wealth and power concentration is built on endless war on the working class, especially in the Third World. Today Palestine is the front line of this war as all settler colonial states unite around Israel. Many young people see the writing on the wall and know that a better future requires organized participation which begins with divestment from genocide.

The many actions around the world to support Palestine include numerous camps on U.S. college campuses. The Diag at the University Michigan became one of these liberated zones on Earth Day April 22, 2024. Our People's Peace Bank meeting was postponed so we could all go to the camp. It was immediately clear that this was a well-planned and organized



KEN PARKS  
Groundcover vendor No. 490

phenomenon. There were tents for everything — medics, literature, wonderful and plentiful food, educational presentations and meetings. Prayer was part of the camp. The Diag had become sacred space. More than once I sat down and was in communion with one or more people as we shared the struggle for freedom from our lived experience. I got some Tibetan prayer flags which were displayed at the volunteers tent.

The global war machine is built on wealth supremacism and donors to politicians went on the offensive to demand that they shut down the camps on campuses. The chain of command responded with orders which were followed by campus, state and municipal police who hold the legal monopoly on violence. The war on Gaza came to the Diag early Tuesday morning, May 21. Orders were

given to leave the camp which was immediately trashed. Did the prayer flags end up in the dumpster? The Nuremberg Code is not considered.

The Israeli-Palestinian Confederation is planning sessions on questions such as "Is anti-Zionism anti-Semitic?" Since Arabs are Semites, I consider Zionism to be anti-Semitic. If you are Palestinian you know about Zionist supremacy and the deadly results.

Liberal Ann Arbor tolerated the camp on the Diag for one month before the dogs of war were unleashed. People are recuperating and court dates are pending. Search TAHRIR Coalition to learn more. There are 81 U-M groups in the coalition. Follow up and follow through. I met a number of wonderful people whom I hope to meet again. Stay with the prayers that deepen our solidarity with primordial life.

Breathe power. The struggle continues. The last weekend of May had a People's Conference on Palestine in Detroit. Organized by the Palestinian Youth Movement, over 3,500 people registered for a high energy summit. Surround the White House on June 8 and demand an immediate ceasefire, an immediate end to the siege on Gaza, the freedom for all Palestinian prisoners, and an end to the occupation of Palestine.



Michigan State Police and U-M Campus Police issued a 10 minute evacuation notice to the encampment at 5 a.m., May 21.

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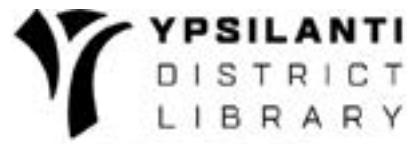
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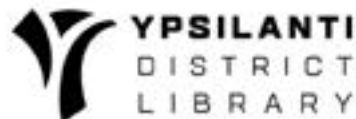
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summer long.







Activists, community supporters and families of inmates protest outside the Women's Huron Valley Correctional Facility on Mother's Day, May 14.

## Abolitionists and activists rally for moms in jail on Mother's Day

On a warm, spring afternoon at Huron Valley Correctional Facility in Ypsilanti, there was a gathering of activists, neighbors and family members of inmates. About 100 people formed a demonstration line along Bemis Road across from the prison. It was Mother's Day and Krystal Clark, a mother of four, is one of the inmates. I spoke to four individuals — Tyronda, Kat, Andrew and Lark — who represented a cross-section of people who are not caught up in the prison system, but who are greatly affected by it.



**JIM CLARK**  
Groundcover vendor No. 139

### Tyronda Clark

I met Tyronda Clark with her eight-month-old son Prince and three cousins.

GCN: What brought you to the event?

TC: Today, they're having a Mother's Day rally for the women who are incarcerated, who are not receiving proper health care or proper treatment behind bars. One of the inmates that is in there, who has been speaking out, and that has been getting

retaliated against, is my sister, Krystal Clark.

Fourteen years ago, Krystal picked up a family member who had asked for a ride. What Krystal didn't know was that the family member had committed a crime and was fleeing the scene. Krystal was arrested for being an accessory to the crime. She was pregnant at the time. Her child was born in prison. Tyronda and her family have been raising and caring for what mistakes that you make in life, to still be treated like a human. A lot of women there have not taken anyone's lives or anything. My sister didn't. My sister has been here for 14 years, and her health has steadily deteriorated. We get numerous calls. My sister doesn't even look like herself. My sister has mold growing out of her body, and nobody feels like that's important. They [the prison] get money from them [the prisoners] being there. We pay for them being there, you know, so give them the proper health care that they need.

GCN: How much longer will Krystal be in prison?

TC: Right now, I think it's still like three plus more years that she has to do. And honestly, the way her health has been declining, we don't know if she has that much time. Anytime she tells them that something is going on with her, they just totally disregard it.

GCN: How did you get involved with the people who staged the event?

TC: My sister reached out to me and told me that she has been receiving numerous supports from different people from all over the world and they were putting together an event and she wanted me to drive down from North Carolina to meet some of the people. I don't know much about them, but I know that they have to have a big heart to come and support someone they don't know. To hear her story and to hear what she's going through and then to take time away

from their day, you know, away from their mother or away from their children and coming and supporting someone you don't know says a lot about you. That's powerful.

GCN: What are they trying to accomplish?

TC: I think personally the goal is for everyone to be treated as human beings, to be treated with dignity, to be treated with respect, regardless of what walk you have in life, regardless as to what mistakes that you make in life, to still be treated like a human. A lot of women there have not taken anyone's lives or anything. My sister didn't. My sister has been here for 14 years, and her health has steadily deteriorated. We get numerous calls. My sister doesn't even look like herself. My sister has mold growing out of her body, and nobody feels like that's important. They [the prison] get money from them [the prisoners] being there. We pay for them being there, you know, so give them the proper health care that they need.

I asked if there was anything she wanted to add. Tyronda replied: "I just want to say thank you to everyone who has been supporting her and who continues to support her."

For more information on how to support Krystal Clark, see the February 9, 2024 edition of Groundcover News.

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Officer Grouchy Pants does NOT want you on his lawn!

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### Kat Layton

Kat Layton, who is running for County Commissioner in District 6, said this about turning out for the rally. "Today, I am here in solidarity with the many parents, loved ones and mothers of people who are incarcerated in the Women's Huron Valley prison. I appreciate seeing people here today standing together and standing for what is right and what is just, and that is freeing people from these systems of harm and freeing these people from systems of oppression."

"The conditions of the prison are historically not [good], and people are dying at disproportionate rates." Layton believes it is time to use government funds for building healthy communities as opposed to maintaining a broken system."

We were interrupted by people chanting: "End Mass Incarceration!" and "Free Krystal Clark!"

"I did the Day of Empathy a few years ago, where we talked to different legislators about ending the practice of leaving people in shackles when giving birth and of having their child ripped away from their hands the

moment that they do give birth. It's very traumatic," Layton added.

She speaks from authority as she graduated with a degree in Human Development. She continued, "Having a child born in prison is traumatic to the mother, the child and the community. It damages family connections and it damages community connections ... It's all interrelated, it's all interconnected."

A common question people have about abolition is, "If we abolish prisons, what will we do with all the criminals?" Layton challenged the assumption. According to her, we don't often think of abolition as something we build as opposed to something we destroy. She believes it is imperative to think through what we can build that is new so that one day we can start relying less on those systems of oppression. Abolition doesn't happen overnight, but it starts with the basics — respite centers, housing, education opportunities, access to medical care.

Layton concluded, "It's all of the things that are truly investing in the community. We will have less people perpetrating harm because there's no harm being perpetrated on them."

A sense of community also leads to crime prevention because to be part of a healthy community is to have

people who love and support you and also put you in check if you behave counter to cultural expectations, According to Layton: "Accountability is community."

To learn more about Day of Empathy, visit

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see **MOTHERS** page 11 ➡



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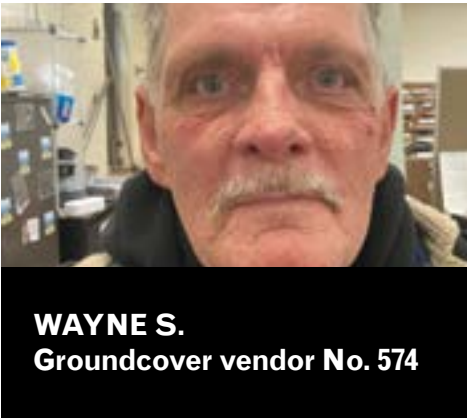
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Pen to Paper



As I went to get pen and paper to write some profound thought, I got distracted by another.

I'm trying to figure out why I do this, and I can't remember it's frustrating you see when you put pen to paper. I worry about the written word am I really describing what I see? Or am I living in one world by describing another? Is it easy to rhyme? It must be I hear it done better than me, all the time.

Constantly thinking is what I do hoping no one does the same. Any better!

The Copycat

WAYNE S.

I started my poem with Mary and Sue, who am I kidding it's been done a thousand times before.

It's a copycat I am there's no other way to put it.

Mixing and mashing and using different spellings, it's all been said before, I'm trying to figure a way to say what's never been said in history.

It's a copycat I am let's not forget it.

I'm sure I'm not the only one - I imagine there's copycats galore.

So if these words sound familiar don't be mad because I admit it.

It's a copycat I am for now and ever more.

Not



I know love isn't eazy,  
I know you'll alwayz be,  
My sweet baby,  
I'll alwayz be your lady,  
I also know,  
I'm not sleazy,  
I don't hustle for money,  
Nor do I hustle fo a man,  
Don't need a hand out,  
Thatz without doubt,  
I'm not like thozе,  
Otherz you're use to,  
I'm a different breed,  
That came from another seed.

### Sudoku

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3				4		5		
			2	1				4
2					3		7	
8		3			5		2	
9		2				7		8
	7		9			4		3
	8		4					5
5				2	6			
		1		3				6

Fill in the squares so that each row, column, and 3-by-3 box contain the numbers 1 through 9.

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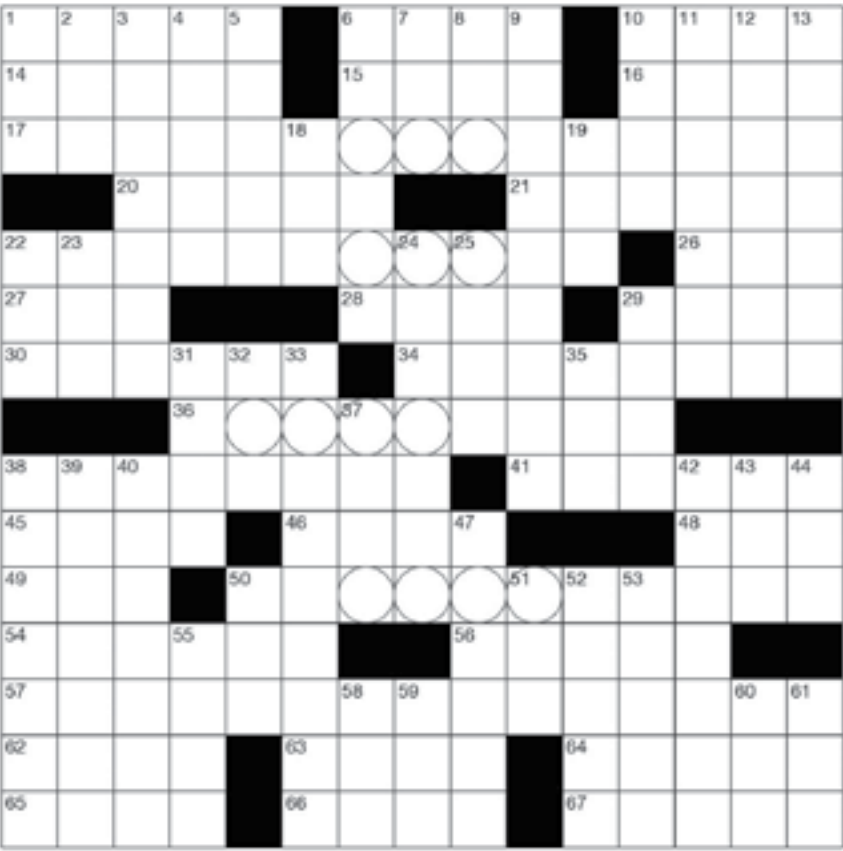
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BRIEF REPLIES

Peter A. Collins



ACROSS

- "The Kiss" painter
- Expresses disdain
- Shane" star Alan
- Pet store purchase
- Composer Satie erik
- Small Chevrolet
- Event promoted by Eunice Kennedy Shriver
- One-time Edison employee
- Piano parts
- Equipment for emergency medical care
- Mai
- Neighbor of Wash.
- Rod's partner
- Ripped
- University in Chicago
- Museum worker, at times
- Founder of an eponymous coffee and doughnut chain
- Afternoon shows
- Rises
- Greek god of war
- Drops in a puddle?
- Slippery swimmer
- ISP choice
- Pet store purchase
- Kind of issues aggravated by gluten
- Interoffice communications
- Knee-jerk reaction (and a hint to each group of circled letters?)
- Muffin pans
- Without rocks
- Big name in online financial services
- Body-bending exercise
- Succumbs to gravity
- Schoolyard retort

DOWN

- Canadian hwy. distances
- Pass on the track
- Freezer container
- Knight clubs?
- Degree-of-difficulty enhancer
- The Fresh Prince's TV home
- Guadalajara gold
- Address a squeak, maybe
- Army chaplains
- Friday's employer, for short?
- Amelia Earhart, for one
- Make known
- Spies file
- Like
- Intersected
- Chick-\_-A
- Altar response
- Bank account addition
- She played "I" in "The King and I"
- Carrie Underwood might carry one
- Elevator maker
- "Hamilton" creator -Manuel Miranda
- Yanks
- Milk dispenser?
- Cops
- Wisconsin's capital, slangily
- Hall of fame?
- Indicative
- "What do you say we give it a miss"
- Director Spike or Ang
- Camera type
- S.F. Giants' foes, at times
- Chiang -\_-Shek
- "\_ Miserables"
- Louvre pyramid architect
- Saws and such
- "\_ Small World"
- Bucolic expanse
- Duster
- \_ Paulo
- Former Roxy Music member Brian

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# Spam fried rice

**IAN EARL**  
U-M student contributor

## Ingredients:

1 can of Spam  
Vegetable oil  
3 eggs  
1 cup diced carrots + peas, canned  
1/2 cup green onions  
5 cups cooked rice  
4 tablespoons soy sauce  
Salt and pepper to taste

## Directions:

Rinse off the green onions and chop them until you have dime-sized pieces. Set these aside. Dice your spam into penny-sized squares.

Pour vegetable oil into a pan and coat it. Keep oil on medium heat until heat is felt when your hand is placed over the pan. Add Spam, and reduce heat to medium-low. Cook and stir until most sides are crusted.

Add peas and carrots to pan. Stir. Cook until all vegetables are soft and warm. Crack the egg into the pan and



whisk quickly. Cover the pan for a minute or so until the egg firms. Finely chop the egg with your spatula.

Add rice to your pan with another helping of vegetable oil and leave the rice turns gold (around 5-8 minutes). Stir, adding in the soy sauce. Raise heat to medium for one minute, then turn off heat. Plate with green onions to taste. Enjoy!

Using generic ingredients, this recipe only costs \$1.39 per serving.

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